

and appreciation to the veterans of wars past—and to those who are engaged today in fighting this new war against terrorism.

I am proud of what has been accomplished in Congress in recent years to honor America's veterans. We have expanded educational benefits, improved life insurance coverage, and opened new national cemeteries. And we have worked hard to increase funding for VA medical care. We intend to build on these accomplishments with further improvements in VA services and benefits. I thank my colleagues for their past support, and I urge them to continue in their steadfast support for veterans. Very few things we do here are more important.

Whereas Memorial Day is dedicated to remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, Veterans Day is dedicated to acknowledging the commitment and devotion to duty millions of former soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines made to this great Nation. Veterans are the best of America—people who, through sacrifice, dedication, and love of country, protected our freedoms, liberties, and way of life. This Sunday I ask every American to join me in honoring them. I also ask that we take a moment to acknowledge and thank the warriors of today who are the veterans of tomorrow.

ENHANCING SECURITY OF U.S. BORDERS

Mr. DEWINE. Madam President, as a member of the Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Immigration; the Select Committee on Intelligence; and the Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, I am committed to improving the integrity of our immigration system. My positions on these committees also have given me an understanding of the unique interrelationship between immigration, national security, and law enforcement.

I am especially interested in border security issues. The tragic September 11 bombings have made it clear that we must improve our law enforcement and intelligence systems to enhance public safety and national security, particularly at our borders. I am pleased that two bills have been introduced to revise our immigration and visa system to enhance our border security. The chair and ranking member of the Immigration Subcommittee, Senators KENNEDY and BROWNBACK, introduced S. 1618, the "Enhanced Border Security Act." The chair and ranking member of the Technology and Terrorism Subcommittee, Senators FEINSTEIN and KYL, introduced S. 1627, the "Visa Entry Reform Act."

The Kennedy-Brownback bill emphasizes an immigration approach, while

the Feinstein-Kyl bill reflects a keen understanding of the needs of law enforcement. While there are a few overlapping, even conflicting, provisions in these bills, I think that the sponsors have some excellent ideas and are clearly headed in the right direction. Both bills seek to improve data sharing between agencies that are responsible for protecting our borders.

At the same time, I think it is very important that we do not "reinvent the wheel." In the recently passed counterterrorism law, "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001", USA PATRIOT ACT, Congress passed a provision of mine to demonstrate how we can expand the Integrated Automated Identification System to help secure our borders. We already have the technology available to pre-screen, identify, verify individuals, and share information through the FBI's fingerprint database. We ought to leverage our previous investment in this system.

Specifically, if someone is on an international "watch list" or "wanted" in connection with a criminal or intelligence investigation in the United States, we need to know this information. I believe our decisions as to whom we allow to enter and stay in our country are only as good as the information upon which we base our decisions. My provision in our new counter-terrorism law requires the FBI to report to Congress on how its fingerprint database and other systems can be used to address this problem.

Again, I anticipate that these bills will be reconciled into a comprehensive border security bill. I hope to work with the sponsors of both bills and help bridge the gaps.

DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRY

Mr. KYL. Madam President, as my colleagues know, Senator ZELL MILLER and I have introduced bipartisan legislation to help our domestic travel and tourism industry recover from the devastating effects of September 11. I believe that we must focus an emergency economic stimulus package on the sector that has been most harmed: our travel and tourism industry. If we are to prevent thousands of bankruptcies, hundreds of thousands of lost jobs, and a host of indirect consequences to the rest of the economy, it is essential that we provide some immediate help to the travel and tourism industry.

The most important element of the legislation would provide a temporary \$500 tax credit per person, \$1,000 for a couple filing jointly, for personal travel expenses incurred by the end of the year. This temporary measure will help encourage Americans to resume their normal travel habits. Unlike general rebate checks to taxpayers, a tax cred-

it conditioned on travel expenses ensures that the money is spent on a specific activity, in this case an activity that will generate positive economic ripples throughout the entire American economy. It will also help create confidence and encourage Americans to get back on airplanes.

Since business-travel expenses are already deductible, temporarily restoring full deductibility for all business-entertainment expenses, including meals, that are now subject to a 50 percent limitation, also would help restore the mainstay of the travel industry: the business traveler.

In a recent letter to the President, the members of the Travel Industry Recovery Coalition endorsed the travel credit as well as elimination of the current 50 percent penalty on business meals and entertainment. I ask unanimous consent that the letter be printed in the RECORD.

I hope my colleagues will cosponsor S. 1500 and join in our bipartisan effort to preserve jobs and revive this vital sector of the economy by getting travelers traveling again.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

NOVEMBER 2, 2001.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: On behalf of the twenty-six member organizations comprising the Travel Industry Recovery Coalition representing all segments of our nations \$582 billion travel and tourism industry and listed in detail on the enclosed sheet, I write to thank you for encouraging Americans to travel again and for your Administration's ongoing efforts to make travel safe and secure. Working with your Administration, our industry has made progress ensuring that travel is safe and secure and in restoring consumer confidence in travel.

We are grateful for your leadership in expanding the low interest SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan program to small business across the entire country. We also appreciate the congressional leaders who have expressed their strong support for an expansion of the net operating loss carry-back that will be of real benefit to our industry. Unfortunately, these important efforts have not been sufficient to encourage enough travelers to travel and thus to keep workers working. The state of our travel and tourism industry thus remains precarious.

We write to urge your Administration to support bipartisan legislation introduced in both the Senate and the House that would provide a \$500 per person (\$1,000 per couple) tax credit for travel booked by the end of the year. The proposed tax credit meets your Administration's central condition for inclusion in the economic stimulus package in that it would have an immediate and significant impact on the entire economy, and would not require a permanent change to the tax code (and thus would not affect future interest rates). We believe its enactment would generate \$50 billion in economic activity and 590,000 jobs over the course of the next year. We urge you to support this temporary travel tax credit to stimulate the economy, to preserve jobs, and to bring families together this year at Thanksgiving and during the December holidays.

We urge your Administration to support short-term measures that would eliminate the current 50% penalty on business meals and entertainment expenses and to work with our industry on a comprehensive promotional campaign to encourage travel to and within the United States. We also ask your Administration to work with us in providing assistance to the valuable employees in our industry who have lost their jobs, face reduced hours, or face the imminent loss of their jobs if travel does not rebound quickly.

Thank you again for leading our country at this difficult time and for your Administration working with us to achieve our twin objectives to ensure safe traveling and restoring confidence in travel to and within America.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM S. NORMAN,
President and CEO.

TRAVEL INDUSTRY RECOVERY, COALITION

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Air Transport Association, Carol Hallett, President and Chief Executive Officer; American Association of Museums, Edward Able, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer; American Bus Association, Peter Pantuso, President and Chief Executive Officer; American Recreation Coalition, Derrick Crandall, President, and Association of Retail Travel Agents, John Hawks, President.

American Society of Travel Agents, William Maloney, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Association of Travel Marketing Executives, Kristin Zern, Executive Director; Carlson Companies, Marilyn Carlson Nelson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; Cruise Lines International Association, Jim Godsmann, President, and Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International, Ilsa Whittemore, Associate Executive Director.

International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, Brett Lovejoy, President; International Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus, Michael Gehrisch, President and Chief Executive Officer; International Council of Cruise Lines, Michael Crye, President; National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds, David Gorin, President, and National Business Travel Association, Marianne McInerney, Executive Director.

National Council of Attractions, Randy Fluharty, Senior Vice President, The Biltmore Company; National Council of Destination Organizations, Joe D'Alessandro, President and Chief Executive Officer, Portland Oregon Visitors Association; National Council of State Tourism Directors, Patty Van Gerpen, Cabinet Secretary, South Dakota Department of Tourism; National Tour Association, Hank Phillips, President, and Receptive Services Association, Michele Biordi, Executive Director.

Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, David Humphreys, President; Society of Government Travel Professionals, Duncan Farrell, General Manager; Student Youth Travel Association of North America, Michael Palmer, Executive Director, Travel Goods Association, Anne DeCicco, President; Travel Industry Association of America, William S. Norman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and United States Tour Operators Association, Bob Whitley, President.

2001 CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Mr. CHAFEE. Madam President, recently the National Trust for Historic

Preservation held its annual National Preservation Conference in Providence, Rhode Island. In tribute of my father, the late Senator John H. Chafee, the theme of the conference was "Preserving the Spirit of Place" which honored one of the last speeches he gave before his death.

Particularly during this time of national turmoil, we recognize the importance of our sense of place as we move about our daily lives. Liberty and freedom unite all Americans, form our common heritage, and permit us to cherish our sense of place in the world.

The preservation of our Nation's historic buildings and districts is a way for us to acknowledge the events of America's rich past and immortal legacy. The restoration of a downtown square in Spokane, WA; the revitalization of an old fort in Salt Lake City, UT; and the renovation of historic homes in Providence, RI; these projects represent how American ingenuity and perseverance form the building blocks of our architectural and cultural heritage.

I would like to recognize the work of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and its dedication to revitalizing historic buildings across the Nation in order to preserve our spirit of place. I ask that President Richard Moe's speech at the 2001 Conference of the National Trust for Historic Preservation be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

2001 PRESIDENT'S REPORT—NATIONAL PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

(By Richard Moe)

I'm very glad you're all here.

We've spoken and heard those words often in recent weeks, as we've sought comfort and reassurance in the presence of family, friends and colleagues. It's a sentiment that's totally appropriate here, because we are a family. That is really why I'm so glad you're here, so grateful that we can gather together, can strengthen and support each other as we try to make sense out of what has happened and try to figure out where we fit in the new world into which we've been thrust.

We've heard it said over and over: "Things will never be the same again." Thousands of lives have been changed forever. The skyline of our biggest city has been changed. It's probably no exaggeration to say that the very shape of our future has changed too—in some ways that we can already see and in others that aren't yet clear and we cannot yet see.

But some things remain intact—and maybe even stronger than before: our appreciation of the traditions and values that have shaped our country and that still shape our lives; the bravery, compassion and generosity that we demonstrate when our fellow citizens are in need; the sense of common purpose that unites us.

So much has changed since the morning of September 11—but one thing, above all, remains true and constant: The American spirit endures.

September 14—just 3 days after these terrible events—was the anniversary of the fir-

ing on Fort McHenry. That was in 1814. One hundred eighty-seven years later, we have all taken comfort from the same sight that inspired Francis Scott Key. On the tops of skyscrapers, in front of government buildings, on police cars and firetrucks and taxis, on the front porches of thousands of homes, on millions of shirts and blouses and coats, draped on the blackened wall of the Pentagon, we all saw it: Our flag was still there.

That's proof that the American spirit endures—and you can find it on just about every block in every community in this country. This simple, reassuring fact provides a firm foundation, I believe, for the work we have to do.

In times like this, our first thoughts naturally are for the well-being of our families and our fellow citizens. But beyond these immediate personal concerns, I believe we have a specific and critically important responsibility as preservationists. We're all aware of the importance of healing the nation's physical wounds, of strengthening the nation's defenses—but we can't lose sight of the importance of nurturing the nation's soul.

In the context of this pressing need to heal and move on, our work as preservationists has an importance—a relevance—that is greater than ever before.

Think for a moment about where the blows fell on September 11. Not on missile bases or factories or power plants or shipyards. No, the targets were people and buildings that symbolize America's military and economic strength. Did the terrorists really believe that an attack on the Pentagon would bring our military to its knees? Or that destroying the World Trade Center would shatter America's financial structure? Probably not—but they recognized the enormous importance of symbols.

As preservationists, we recognize their importance too. We know that place has power.

We know that we can read about our history in books, but we also know that facts on paper are no more or less important than truth on the ground—truth made tangible in place.

History says, "This is what happened." Preservation says, "Right here"—and that simple addition gives our knowledge of history an immediacy that is absolutely essential if we hope to make an understanding of the past a springboard to a better future.

Similarly, we can learn about shared values from mentors at home, in a school or a house of worship, but those values take on a new and amplified reality when we can see them embodied in a place. Back in 1966, the visionaries who sought to define the work of preservation in the groundbreaking report *With Heritage So Rich* encapsulated this concept when they wrote that our movement's ultimate success would be determined by its ability to "give a sense of orientation to our society, using structures and objects of the past to establish values of time and place."

The places we cherish—the places that we, as preservationists, work to save—are symbols, but they are not abstractions. They are real and tangible. They surround, support and illuminate almost every aspect of our daily lives. And they embody our most fundamental values.

The nation's schools symbolize the value of education, the importance of good citizenship. Our courthouses embody our commitment to the rule of law. State capitols and city halls are monumental representations of the grandeur and stability of democratic government. Shrines like the Lincoln Memorial and the Statue of Liberty refresh the